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(57) Abstract

Tris(pentafluorophenyl)borane complexes having the general formula $(C_6F_3)_3B\cdot(YXH)q$ wherein X is oxygen, or sulfur; q is 1 to 3; Y is a hydrogen atom, R^1 -, $(R^2)_3Si$, or $(R^3)_2C=N$ -; R^1 is a hydrocarbyl group containing 1 to 500 carbon atoms, and may contain a divalent oxygen and further may be a fluorine-containing hydrocarbyl group; R^2 is independently a linear or branched alkyl group containing 1 to 25 carbon atoms, or a phenyl group, further R^2 may contain a SiO- group; and R^3 is independently a hydrocarbyl group containing 1 to 25 carbon atoms, R^3 may be a hydrogen atom provided both R^3 groups selected are not hydrogen atoms; and to complexes containing the borane complexes with an organometallic compound, either as a neutral compound or as an acidic salt that are useful as catalysts for polymerization and copolymerization of olefins and to polymeric products prepared using these catalysts.

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